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REMARKS

It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

The only remaining rejection in the application is the Examiner's objection that claim 15 is considered a substantial duplicate of claim 1. Claim 15 has been amended by changing the word "obtainable" to "prepared", so that claims 15 and 1 are not exactly identical in terms of scope. Accordingly, it is believed that the Examiner's only remaining objection has been overcome, so that all the claims are now in condition for allowance.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. No. 30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

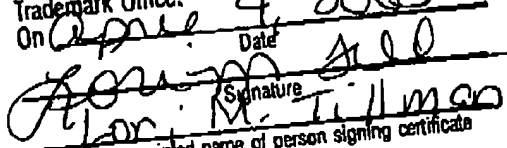
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